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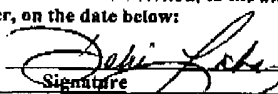
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- 1) Response to the Office Action dated February 13, 2004.

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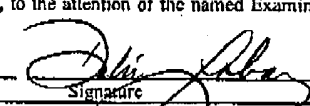
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